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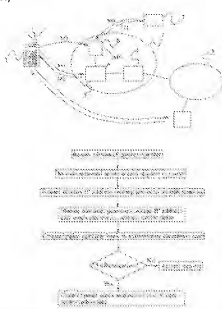
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A method of authorising an Internet Protocol (IP) enabled mobile host (1) to access the Internet (2) via a wireless LAN, GSM, or UMTS access network (3) comprises initially sending an IP access request from the mobile host (1) to an IP router (5) within the access network (3). In response to receipt of said access request at the IP router (5), an IP address routing prefix is sent from the IP router (5) to the mobile host (1). Electronic cash is then forwarded from the mobile host (1) to a control point (6) within the access network (3). The control point (6) confirms the authenticity and/or sufficiency of the electronic cash and, providing that confirmation is made, sends an authorisation message to the IP router (5). The IP router (5) blocks the transmission of IP packets between the mobile host (1) and the Internet (2) prior to receipt of the authorisation message and permits the passage of IP packets only after an authorisation message has been received.



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